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PRESS RELEASE

USAID provided new windows for Primary School “Lirija” in only two weeks

Within only two weeks 110 old windows were replaced in the primary school “Lirija” in Tetovo, thanks to the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is part of the U.S. Mission in Macedonia. On April 10th a ribbon-cutting ceremony was organized to celebrate the successful completion of the project, with guests from the U.S. Embassy, Municipality of Tetovo, the school, and USAID’s Primary Education Project (PEP).

“Sixty years ago as a student of this school, for the first time I saw the sign of the American flag and the shaking hands symbol of USAID. It was on the meal boxes that the U.S. provided for us as help after the Second World War. Today, as a director of this school, I’m looking at this flag and logo again – the USAID logo - thanks to which our school received another kind of help from the American people – installation of the new windows, that happened in only fourteen days,” said the school principal, Murat Hasani.

USAID/PEP’s renovation component supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase access to and the use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools. PEP works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science to improve education in Macedonia. Together they will renovate over 100 schools for which the American people will invest more than \$3 million.

Notes to the editors

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia’s transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.

